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SUBJ: TURKISH PRESS QUOTES ECEVIT ON NATO

1. THE PRO-GOVERNMENT DAILY "MILLIYET" AND OTHER PAPERS GAVE
EXTENSIVE COVERAGE OF PRIME MINISTER ECEVIT'S CURRENT VISIT
TO THE FRG.

2. ON TURKEY'S ROLE IN NATO, ECEVIT IS QUOTED BY MILLIYET AS
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TELLING REPORTERS, ". WE HAVE NO INTENTION OF LEAVING NATO, AS
LONG AS WE ARE NOT FORCED TO DO SO". AT ANOTHER TIME, THE
PRIME MINISTER IS REPORTED TO HAVE SAID, "TURKEY WILL NOT
CONTINUE TO BE NATO'S ARMED FRONTIER PATROL", BUT "TURKEY
HAS NO INTENTION OF UPSETTING THE BALANCE OR JEOPARDIZING
DETENTE BY LEAVING NATO".

3. WITH RESPECT TO THE U.S. ARMS EMBARGO, ECEVIT IS QUOTED AS SAYING: "IF THE EMBARGO CONTINUES WE WILL BE COMPELLED TO FIND A SOLUTION TO THE AMERICAN BASES. WE CANNOT LEAVE OUR DEFENSES IN THEIR PRESENT ALREADY BAD CONDITION".

4. RE ECEVIT'S "NEW DEFENSE CONCEPT" THE PRIME MINISTER IS REPORTED TO HAVE SAID "WE CANNOT ALLOW OUR DEFENSE TO BE A CONTINUING BURDEN ON OUR ECONOMY. OUR RICH ALLIES USED TO SELL US THE ARMS WE NEEDED WITHIN NATO. DUE TO THIS HEAVY BURDEN WE COULD NOT GIVE THE NECESSARY PUSH TO OUR ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT. WE WANT TO CHANGE THIS ONE-SIDED OPERATION. TURKEY CAN BE AN ARMS EXPORTER WHILE IMPORTING AT THE SAME TIME".

5. ON CONTRIBUTIONS BY NATO ALLIES TO TURKISH ECONOMIC AND ARMS PRODUCTION, ECEVIT IS SAID TO HAVE NOTED THAT THE FRG AND TURKEY ARE ON "A CONSTRUCTIVE PATH".
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